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Ms. Gayle Kreitman Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 600 Capitol Way North Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Re: Performance of Bob Bicknell on the Programmatics Subcommittee.

Dear Gayle:

This is just a quick note to let you know that things are going well. According to Gregor Myhr, Programmatic Subcommittee Chair, Bob Bicknell's work is influential in keeping the Programmatics Subcommittee moving toward solutions. Gregor says, "Bob has a great deal of knowledge, experience, and understanding of the HPA regulatory framework and furthermore, he expresses a very proactive and energetic attitude in working with our diverse stakeholder group to develop solutions to regulatory problems. Bob has been instrumental in the success of the subcommittee developing programmatic products."

I personally attended a meeting where extremely contentious issues were being worked out. Bob was very professional and focused on finding solutions, while supporting and defending WDFW's position. I was impressed with his candor and his willingness to do La Joseph great the hard work necessary to find solutions.

Sincerely,

Peter Downey

Permit Streamlining Manager

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